

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Connie Johnsen, Treasurer North Dakota Republican Party 101 East Broadway Avenue Bismarck, ND 58502

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Reference:

12 Day Pre-Special Report (1/1/01-5/30/01)

Dear Ms. Johnsen:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Line 10 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$37,000 in debts and obligations owed by the committee. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule C, however, indicates the total to be \$41,000. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-hemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): Allocable Expenditure/Federal Share. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Your report discloses no payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Each state or local party committee utilizing separate federal and non-federal accounts is required to allocate any administrative expenses between the accounts in proportion to the BALLOT COMPOSITION METHOD derived from FEC Schedule H1. A Schedule H1 must be filed with the first FEC FORM 3X filed at the beginning of each calendar year. 11 CFR §106.5(d)

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §\$441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be provided <u>during</u> each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please provide the necessary information regarding administrative expenses incurred by your committee and/or amend your report to disclose such expenses according to the referenced provisions of the Act and Commission Regulations.

The loan schedule (Schedule C) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the person making or receiving the loan, original amount, cumulative payment, outstanding balance, date incurred, date due, and interest rate for all loans that your committee has received. Please amend Schedule C by providing the mailing address, date due, and interest rate. 11 CFR §§104.3(d) and 104.11(a)

-Your report discloses a loan from a lending institution; however, you have not submitted a Schedule C-1 (copy attached) and a copy of the loan agreement. As an electronic filer, you must submit the Schedule C-1 electronically without the original signature from the lending institution. In addition, you must mail a copy of the loan agreement and a separate copy of the Schedule C-1 that contains the original signature from the lending institution. Please submit the missing documents. (1) CFR §§104.3(d)(2) and 104.18(h))

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 discloses a receipt of \$11,549.89 for "Offsets/Total" (pertinent portions attached). However, you failed to disclose the identity of the contributor and the purpose of this receipt. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend your filing.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

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of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Colleen Manning

Reports Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X) ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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